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SUBJ: PIA MAKES FORMAL DECISION TO PURCHASE

FOURTH DC-10

REF: KARACHI 0425

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DEPT PASS COMMERCE FOR COHEN AND HALE;

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1. DURING MEETING WITH VISITING DOUGLAS OFFICIALS,  
PIA CHAIRMAN NUR KHAN FORMALLY SIGNED PAPERS MARCH 10  
EXERCISING PIA'S OPTION ON FOURTH DC-10. ACCORDING  
DOUGLAS HERE, PIA NOW OBTAINING NECESSARY FINANCING FOR  
DOWN PAYMENT OF OVER US DOLS1 MILLION ON AIRCRAFT-ENGINE-PARTS  
PACKAGE, WHICH WILL TOTAL ABOUT US DOLS30 MILLION.

2. ACCORDING TO SENIOR PIA OFFICIALS WITH WHOM CIC AND  
VISITING RCAA TALKED MARCH 11, DELIVERY DATE WILL BE  
AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER 1976, IN TIME FOR USE IN TRANSPORT  
OF HAJ TRAFFIC TO MECCA. IN ORDER CARRY MAXIMUM NUMBER  
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HAI PILGRIMS, AIRCRAFT TO BE CONFIGURED WITH 347 ECONOMY

SEATS, 10 ABREAST, BUT WILL LATER HAVE SOME SEATS REMOVED FOR REGULAR USE. AMONG SPECIAL FEATURES NEGOTIATED BY PIA IS INSTALLATION OF POD OUT-BOARD ON RIGHT WING FOR CARRYING SPARE CF6-50C ENGINE WHEN NEEDED TO MEET EMERGENCY REQUIREMENTS.

3. VISITING RCAA NOTES US TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT SALES TO MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTH ASIA AIRLINES NOW TOTAL APPROXIMATELY US 385 MILLION 1975 TO DATE, INCLUDING PIA'S FOURTH DC 10-30; EI A1'S 747-258C; EGYPT AIR'S SIX ADVANCED 737-266'S AND FOUR ADVANCED 727-266'S; AND IRAQI AIRWAYS FOUR 747-270'S, THREE ADVANCED 727-270'S, AND ONE ADVANCED 737-270C. TOTAL DOES NOT INCLUDE TWA SALE OF SIX USED BOEING 747-131'S TO IMPERIAL IRANIAN AIR FORCE, VALUED AT US DOLS99 MILLION.  
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